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CHAPTER 4. Inspections

Note: The requirements in this chapter are in addition to the requirements in [NPR 8621.1](#), [NPR 1800.1](#), and [NPR 8705.6](#).

4.1 Frequency of Inspection

4.1.1 [29 C.F.R. § 1960.25\(c\)](#) provides requirements for inspections of NASA Centers, Facilities, and other worksites.

Note: [29 C.F.R. pt. 1910](#) defines additional inspections for [lifting devices](#) and [pressurized vessels](#).

4.1.2 Each NASA Center and Component Facility safety and health office shall establish a formal schedule of safety and health inspections for all operations/facilities which ensures that the provisions in [29 C.F.R. § 1960.25\(c\)](#) and the items listed in paragraphs 4.1.2.a and 4.1.2.b are completed:

- a. Prior to reactivation, a facility, structure, vehicle, operation, or equipment is thoroughly inspected to identify potential hazards ([Requirement 31563](#)).
- b. More frequent inspections are conducted where there is an increased risk of accident, injury, or illness due to the nature of the workplace (i.e., uneven surfaces, work at heights, high energy locations, machine shops, cryogenic facilities, electrical facilities, critical lifting operations, aircraft operations, propellant facilities, laboratories, missile and flight hardware processing facilities, and facilities with radioactive sources and devices) ([Requirement 31562](#)).

4.1.3 Special inspections may be conducted (announced or unannounced):

- a. At the request of the Chief Health and Medical Officer, Chief/SMA, Center Director, safety and health committees, employees or their representatives, or upon notice of an unsafe or unhealthful condition.
- b. As a result of conditions discovered at other Centers which have caused mishaps, had the potential to cause mishaps, or as directed by the Chief Health and Medical Officer, Chief/SMA, or the Center Director.
- c. Based on historical information of past unsafe or unhealthy conditions such as from mishap reports, safety or health audits or reviews, equipment failures, and similar information sources. Sources of historical information may include investigations of accidents involving similar working conditions at other U.S. Government agencies.

4.2 Qualifications of Inspectors

4.2.1 [29 C.F.R. § 1960.25\(a\)](#) and [29 C.F.R. § 1960.56](#) provide requirements for the training and qualification of safety and health inspectors.

4.2.2 In addition to the [29 C.F.R. § 1960.2.\(s\)](#) series of qualified Safety and Health Specialists, NASA has determined that a person or persons meeting the Office of Personnel Management standards for the following occupations are also qualified health specialists:

- a. General Health Scientist GS-601
- b. Physician's Assistant GS-603
- c. Sanitarian GS-688

4.3 Conduct of Inspections

[29 C.F.R. § 1960.26](#) provides requirements for safety and health inspections.

4.4 OSHA, NRC, and other Occupational Safety or Health Regulatory Inspection Visits

4.4.1 [29 C.F.R. § 1960.31](#) provides requirements for supporting inspections/visits by OSHA.

4.4.2 NASA Centers or Component Facilities Safety and Health Managers shall provide a summary of any findings and corrective action necessary to the Chief Health and Medical Officer and Chief/SMA within ten working days following written notification of findings of an inspection or visit by OSHA or an evaluation by NRC, or other regulatory agency (Requirement).

4.4.3 The Center/Facility Director shall notify the Chief Health and Medical Officer and Chief/SMA within one hour when OSHA, NRC, or other Occupational Safety or Health regulatory inspectors arrive on a NASA Center or Facility for the purpose of conducting an inspection or visit (Requirement).

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